

(SRI S. M. KRISHNA)

in the opposition, that much more than themselves, it is the Government who want an impartial enquiry into this matter. To vindicate our honour, we have got to go into this enquiry. I am sure I have made it clear.

SRI H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—You have quoted Hassan enquiry.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—It is going to be impartial, I would assure this House. Madam Speaker, I have one other request. Yesterday, certain allegations were made of a very personal nature against my learned friend the Hon. Finance Minister in this House. The Minister was not here to defend himself. Now, I would say in all humility that as an Hon. Member of this House, he should be given an opportunity to make a statement by way of personal explanation.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Would the Hon. Minister for Finance like to make the statement now, or after the Question Hour?

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance)—I would like to make it now.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION BY MINISTER FOR FINANCE

re ; allegations made against him on 25-4-1974

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance).—It is only Yesterday afternoon, after the matter was raised in the Assembly, that I came to know of the arrest of Sri Y. Thimmappa in connection with the Sandur Kumaraswamy Temple theft case. Till then, I had absolutely no knowledge regarding the arrest of Sri Y. Thimmappa who happens to be the Congress (O) candidate who contested against me in the last general elections ; and I am in no way connected with it.

I was pained to read in this morning's new papers that some members of the opposition have tried to use this incident to cast aspersions on my personal and political integrity and malign me in a manner which, to say the least, is most unfortunate and unfair.

I have deep faith in the values of democracy and have always tried to live up to the best democratic standards during the last 15 years when I have had the privilege of representing the Sandur Assembly Constituency, without a break, in this august House. My politics is based on policies and programmes and not on petty personal considerations. Friend or foe, all are equal in the eyes of law and to interfere with the course of justice is farthest from my mind.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ —ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಸ್ವಾಗತ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಜಫಿಕೇಷನ್ನು ಅವರೇ ಕೊಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಾರದು. I do not want to enter into argument again.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Hon. Minister has said whether friend of foe, all are equal in the eyes of the law.

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—I welcome the statement made by the Hon. Minister, and further I want to make myself clear. I am not bothered to which party the candidate belongs. What I wanted to say is that he should not take his own certificate. ಇವತ್ತು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಇನ್‌ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಆಪಾದನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಅದನ್ನು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೋಸ್ಕರ ಈ ಒಂದು ಘಟನೆಯನ್ನು ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಜಡ್ಜ್ ಯೋಗ್ಯರೆಂದು ನನ್ನ ಸಲಹೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅದನ್ನು ಪರಾಕ್ಷೇಪಿಸಿ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ಮಾಡದಿದ್ದರೆ, ದೇಶದ ಜನತೆ ಮೇಲೆ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸ ಮೂಡಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಹೊಣೆಗಾರಿಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮೇಲಿದೆ.

2-00 P.M.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(TO WHICH ORAL ANSWER WERE GIVEN)

MADAM SPEAKER.—Question No. 306 of Sri B. G. Banakar is held over.

RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS TO JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN BANGALORE CITY

341. **Sri PRABHAKAR R. TELKAR (Kalagi).**—

Will the Minister for Law and Municipal Administration be pleased to state,—

(a) whether the Judicial Officers of the cadre of District and Sessions Judge and below have been provided with residential buildings in Bangalore City;

(b) if so, the number of Judicial Officers of the following cadre in Bangalore City who have been provided with residential buildings:

- (i) District and Sessions judges,
- (ii) Civil Judges,
- (iii) Munsiffs,
- (iv) First class Magistrates;

(c) of them, the number of Officers who have been provided with Government quarters;

(d) whether the Government is thinking of having a separate colony or buildings for providing to the Judicial Officers in Bangalore City as well as in District Places?